

of their products only when a special scheme for food processing industry is made in each village any other arrangements are made:

(b) whether Government propose to make programmes for training, loans and supply of equipments to the farmers;

(c) whether the multinational companies are making huge profits by entering in this field and processing maize and potatoes;

(d) whether village artisans have already become jobless as there is no scope for village industries;

(e) whether the Government propose to make a scheme to rehabilitate them through food processing industries;

(f) if so, by when; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) to (g). With a view to encourage investment in food processing industries and to promote domestic/NRI/Foreign investment, Government have liberalised the policies and have delicensed all food processing industries except brewing and distillation of alcoholic beverages and those items reserved for Small Scale Sector. Since liberalisation till October, 1996, 3831 Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda envisaging an investment of Rs. 45,407 crores for setting up food processing industries in the country have been filed. Out of these, 507 Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda involving an investment of Rs. 6,596 crores have already been implemented. In addition, 815 approvals involving total project cost of Rs. 11,418 crores for setting up 100% Export Oriented Units/Foreign Collaboration/Joint Venture etc. in the Food Processing sector have been granted during the period till March, 1996. Out of these, 155 projects involving total project cost of Rs. 3,298 crores have started commercial production till July, 1996.

Food processing industries have a high employment generating potential with comparatively lesser investment.

In addition, this Ministry is also operating certain Plan Schemes under which financial assistance is provided to State Government Organisations/Assisted/Joint Sector Companies/Voluntary Organisations/Cooperatives etc. for setting up/upgrading of food processing facilities.

Information is not centrally maintained regarding the profits made by the food processing units including the multinational companies.

[English]

Scientists in Atomic Field

2876. SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the brief particulars of research nuclear reactors now in operation/under installation, as distinct from power reactors, with their fields of research;

(b) whether all are under IAEA control;

(c) the names of countries with which we have agreements of cooperation in the field of Atomic Energy; and

(d) the number of Indian Scientists working in these centre, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) India has four research reactors in operation but none under installation. The brief particulars of these reactors and their fields of research are as under :

S.No.	Reactor & location	Maximum Power level	Areas of Research
1.	APSARA, Trombay	1 Mega Watt (MW)	1. Isotope production 2. Nuclear and Solid State Physics research involving neutrons. 3. Analytical applications
2.	CIRUS, Trombay	40 MW	1. Isotope production 2. Nuclear and Solid State Physics research involving neutrons 3. Analytical applications
3.	DHRUVA, Trombay	100 MW	1. Isotope production 2. Nuclear and Solid State Physics research involving neutrons 3. Analytical applications
4.	KAMINI, Kalpakkam	30 Kilo Watt	1. Neutron Radiography for inspection of spent fuel from Fast Breeder Test Reactor 2. Analytical applications

(b) None of the above mentioned reactors are under IAEA control.

(c) Government of India has bilateral agreements on cooperation for peaceful uses of atomic energy with the Governments of the following countries :

1. Afghanistan
2. Belgium
3. Cuba
4. Egypt
5. Germany
6. Indonesia
7. Peru
8. Philippines
9. Poland
10. Russia
11. Syria
12. Vietnam

(d) Indian scientists working in the Department of Atomic Energy are not sent for regular employment with countries with which we have bilateral cooperation agreements. However, under various work programmes, mutual exchange of scientists takes place from time to time. These are short term programmes. At present there are 15 Indian scientists working under the Indo-German Programme.

[Translation]

Cancellation of Results

2877. VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the year-wise number of candidates whose results are declared cancelled for failing the compulsory paper of English language at the examinations conducted for jobs by the Union Government from 1988 to 1995;

(b) the examinations in which medium of examination is English and there is a compulsory paper of English language which are being conducted for jobs by the Union Government from 1988 to 1995; and

(c) the number of candidates whose results are cancelled each year for failing the compulsory paper of English language at the examinations being conducted by the Union Public Service Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b). Recruitment/ examinations for various posts under the Union Govt. is done through various recruiting bodies like UPSC, SSC

Railway Recruitment Board, DRDO Selection Board, Agricultural Scientists Selection Board etc. A number of posts are also out side the purview of these Boards and selection for these posts is made directly by the employing Ministries/Departments like Department of Posts and Department of Telecommunications.

Information regarding number of candidates who could not qualify any particular paper is not maintained centrally.

(c) A statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT

Statement showing the number of candidates who appeared and those who failed in the compulsory qualifying paper on English language at the Civil Services (Main) Examination held in the years 1988 to 1995

Year of Examination	Number of candidates who appeared at the Examination	No. of candidates who failed in the compulsory English language paper
1988	9253	298
1989	9408	579
1990	10121	279
1991	10424	357
1992	10301	586
1993	9718	674
1994	10548	1164
1995	8694	946

Promotion of Electronic Technology

2878. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the schemes formulated by the Government to promote latest technologies in the field of Electronics;

(b) the amount proposed to be spent thereon; and

(c) the present position of the country in comparison with other developing Asian countries in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) The main schemes of the Department of Electronics to promote development of latest technologies in the field of Electronics are Technology Development Council (TDC) Programme, National Radar Council (NRC) Programme, Microelectronics Development Programme,